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ABSTRACT

This report presents some of the more significant results of a 1988 survey of all Wisconsin public schools which received responses from 1,790 schools (90%). Designed to determine the status of library media programs in the state's schools, the 12-page survey asked for over 450 pieces of information about the library media center, its staffing, services, operations, and future goals. This report presents data in 14 tables: (1-3) number of schools with a central library media center (LMC), an LMC that is open 4 hours or less per school day, and/or an LMC staffed by a professional library media specialist; (4) the ratio of professional staff to students; (5) the number of schools where library media staff coordinate library skills instruction with classroom curriculum; help curriculum committees select media and media activities; integrate resources and activities into instructional units; help students locate information and resources; provide reading, listening, and viewing guidance to students; provide interlibrary loan service to students; coordinate in-house production of instructional materials; participate in textbook selection; coordinate cable and other television transmission and use and video production; help students use computers; and coordinate use of computers in instruction; (6) types of materials accessible to students on open shelves; and (7-14) the number of LMCs that charge fines for overdue materials; have a telephone; have an automated circulation system and/or an automated card catalog; provide database searching for students; have videodisc players, CD-ROM drives, and/or half inch VHS videocassette recorders. All of the tables are broken down by educational levels. The complete survey results are available to persons needing the data for research. (MAB)

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SURVEY OF SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAMS IN WISCONSIN, 1988

A Brief Report of Statistics

In 1988, the Department of Public Instruction surveyed every public school to determine the status of library media programs. Included in this brief report are the statistics felt to be most significant and those most often requested.

The twelve page survey asked for over 450 separate pieces of information about the library media center, its staffing, services, operation, expenditures and future goals. Some of the data was requested in a form identical to the survey done by United States Education Department's Center for Education Statistics in 1985.

The return rate for the survey was excellent, with 1,790 or over 90 percent of the schools returning the form. Accuracy of the data is good, although unorthodox responses, combined with literal data entry created occasional departures from reality. For example, some schools reported IMC space in a number of rooms instead of square footage. When found, these mismatches were corrected.

This information was entered into a multi-part database and is available to persons needing the data for research. It is currently maintained in the department's mainframe computer in a number of SAS data sets. Persons who would like access to this data or who would like to request an analysis of some portion of it, should contact Richard Sorensen at the Department of Public Instruction, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841 or call him at (608) 266-1924. Depending on the complexity of the analysis, and the amount of data and time needed to perform the search, there may be a charge to recover costs. Copies of the survey form used to gather the data are available on request.

1. How many schools have a central library media center?

	LMC In Building	
All schools	1,677	(95%)
High schools	385	(100%)
Middle/junior high schools	246	(97%)
Elementary schools	1,024	(92%)
K-12 (in one building)	22	(100%)

2. How many LMCs are open four hours or less per school day?

	Four Hours or Less	
All schools	93	(6%)
High schools	0	(0%)
Middle/junior high schools	5	(2%)
Elementary schools	88	(9%)
K-12 (in one building)	0	(0%)

3. How many LMCs are staffed by a professional library media specialist?

	Full-Time	Part-Time	No Prof.
All schools	841 (47%)	694 (39%)	260 (14%)
High schools	306 (78%)	84 (22%)	0 (0%)
Middle/jr. high schools	178 (70%)	55 (22%)	20 (8%)
Elementary schools	340 (30%)	549 (49%)	240 (21%)
K-12 (in one building)	17 (74%)	6 (26%)	0 (0%)

4. What is the professional staff to student ratio in Wisconsin's LMCs?

	1 prof. for 200 or fewer students	1 prof. for 200-399 students	1 prof. for 400-599 students	1 prof. for 600-799 students	1 prof. for 800 or more students
All schools	30 (2%)	365 (24%)	502 (34%)	273 (18%)	326 (22%)
High schools	18 (5%)	144 (38%)	108 (29%)	53 (14%)	54 (14%)
Middle/junior high schools	4 (2%)	64 (28%)	77 (33%)	55 (24%)	30 (13%)
Elementary schools	8 (5%)	147 (17%)	309 (36%)	165 (19%)	239 (28%)
K-12 (in one building)	0 (0%)	10 (48%)	8 (38%)	0 (0%)	3 (14%)

5. In how many schools does the library media staff:

a. Coordinate library skills instruction with classroom curriculum?

	Routinely	Occasionally	Not at all
All schools	734 (42%)	854 (49%)	169 (9%)
High schools	191 (50%)	164 (43%)	29 (7%)
Middle/junior high schools	126 (51%)	107 (44%)	13 (5%)
Elementary schools	406 (37%)	574 (52%)	124 (11%)
K-12 schools	11 (48%)	9 (39%)	3 (13%)

b. Help curriculum committees select media and media activities?

	Routinely	Occasionally	Not at all
All schools	411 (23%)	763 (44%)	584 (33%)
High schools	67 (17%)	184 (48%)	137 (35%)
Middle/junior high schools	58 (24%)	114 (46%)	74 (30%)
Elementary schools	280 (26%)	456 (41%)	365 (33%)
K-12 schools	6 (26%)	9 (39%)	8 (35%)

c. Integrate resources and activities into instructional units?

	Routinely	Occasionally	Not at all
All schools	819 (47%)	790 (45%)	150 (8%)
High schools	196 (51%)	171 (44%)	20 (5%)
Middle/junior high schools	125 (50%)	115 (47%)	7 (3%)
Elementary schools	489 (44%)	492 (45%)	121 (11%)
K-12 schools	9 (39%)	12 (52%)	2 (9%)

d. Help students locate information and resources?

	Routinely	Occasionally	Not at all
All schools	1,522 (86%)	206 (12%)	35 (2%)
High schools	370 (96%)	16 (4%)	1
Middle/junior high schools	231 (94%)	15 (6%)	1
Elementary schools	901 (81%)	173 (16%)	32 (3%)
K-12 schools	20 (87%)	2 (9%)	1 (4%)

e. Provide reading, listening and viewing guidance to students?

	Routinely	Occasionally	Not at all
All schools	1,225 (70%)	421 (24%)	107 (6%)
High schools	251 (65%)	111 (29%)	23 (6%)
Middle/junior high schools	165 (67%)	59 (24%)	21 (9%)
Elementary schools	792 (72%)	246 (22%)	62 (6%)
K-12 schools	17 (74%)	5 (22%)	1 (4%)

f. Provide interlibrary loan services to students?

	Routinely	Occasionally	Not at all
All schools	551 (31%)	557 (32%)	645 (37%)
High schools	216 (56%)	104 (27%)	69 (17%)
Middle/junior high schools	65 (27%)	104 (42%)	76 (31%)
Elementary schools	259 (24%)	343 (31%)	494 (45%)
K-12 schools	11 (48%)	6 (26%)	6 (26%)

g. Coordinate in-house production of instructional materials?

	Routinely	Occasionally	Not at all
All schools	342 (20%)	616 (35%)	782 (45%)
High schools	106 (27%)	149 (39%)	130 (34%)
Middle/junior high schools	49 (20%)	97 (40%)	99 (40%)
Elementary schools	180 (17%)	361 (33%)	546 (50%)
K-12 schools	7 (30%)	9 (40%)	7 (30%)

h. Participate in textbook selection process?

	Routinely	Occasionally	Not at all
All schools	288 (16%)	330 (19%)	1,129 (65%)
High schools	40 (10%)	50 (13%)	297 (77%)
Middle/junior high schools	27 (11%)	47 (19%)	171 (70%)
Elementary schools	216 (20%)	229 (21%)	647 (59%)
K-12 schools	5 (22%)	4 (17%)	14 (61%)

i. Coordinate cable and other television transmission and use?

	Routinely	Occasionally	Not at all
All schools	922 (53%)	317 (18%)	502 (29%)
High schools	224 (58%)	78 (20%)	83 (22%)
Middle/junior high schools	133 (54%)	38 (16%)	73 (30%)
Elementary schools	548 (50%)	199 (18%)	342 (32%)
K-12 schools	17 (74%)	2 (9%)	4 (17%)

j. Coordinate video production?

	Routinely	Occasionally	Not at all
All schools	435 (25%)	560 (32%)	750 (43%)
High schools	171 (44%)	115 (30%)	99 (26%)
Middle/junior high schools	66 (27%)	82 (33%)	98 (40%)
Elementary schools	193 (18%)	353 (32%)	545 (50%)
K-12 schools	5 (22%)	10 (43%)	8 (35%)

k. Help students use computers?

	Routinely	Occasionally	Not at all
All schools	888 (51%)	404 (23%)	456 (26%)
High schools	179 (47%)	113 (29%)	94 (24%)
Middle/junior high schools	132 (54%)	55 (22%)	60 (24%)
Elementary schools	569 (52%)	231 (21%)	292 (27%)
K-12 schools	8 (35%)	5 (22%)	10 (43%)

l. Coordinate use of computers in instruction?

	Routinely	Occasionally	Not at all
All schools	642 (37%)	279 (16%)	817 (47%)
High schools	107 (28%)	61 (16%)	217 (56%)
Middle/junior high schools	90 (37%)	37 (15%)	119 (48%)
Elementary schools	437 (40%)	180 (17%)	467 (43%)
K-12 schools	8 (35%)	1 (4%)	14 (61%)

6. What materials are accessible to students on open shelves?

	Only Books	All Printed Materials	Printed & Some AV Materials	All Media
All schools	378 (22%)	703 (40%)	297 (17%)	360 (21%)
High schools	57 (15%)	138 (36%)	85 (22%)	101 (27%)
Middle/junior high schools	49 (20%)	101 (42%)	45 (18%)	48 (20%)
Elementary schools	271 (25%)	454 (41%)	160 (15%)	206 (19%)
K-12 schools	1 (4%)	10 (44%)	7 (30%)	5 (22%)

7. How many LMCs charge fines for overdue materials?

Type of School	Fines Charged	No Fines
All schools	442 (27%)	1,222 (73%)
High schools	214 (56%)	169 (44%)
Middle/junior high schools	108 (45%)	133 (55%)
Elementary schools	111 (11%)	906 (89%)
K-12 schools	9 (39%)	14 (61%)

8. How many LMCs have a telephone?

	Have a Telephone	No Telephone
All schools	810 (49%)	847 (51%)
High schools	248 (65%)	131 (35%)
Middle/junior high schools	160 (68%)	74 (32%)
Elementary schools	396 (39%)	625 (61%)
K-12 schools	6 (26%)	17 (74%)

9. How many LMCs have automated the circulation system?

	Automated Circulation	Hope to Automate	Not a Priority
All schools	198 (12%)	1,111 (68%)	320 (20%)
High schools	74 (20%)	252 (69%)	40 (11%)
Middle/junior high schools	40 (18%)	158 (71%)	25 (11%)
Elementary schools	81 (8%)	687 (67%)	250 (25%)
K-12 schools	3 (14%)	14 (64%)	5 (23%)

10. How many LMCs have automated the card catalog?

	Automated Catalog	Hope to Automate	Not a Priority
All schools	38 (2%)	1,196 (74%)	389 (24%)
High schools	19 (5%)	290 (80%)	55 (15%)
Middle/junior high schools	4 (2%)	184 (83%)	33 (15%)
Elementary schools	15 (1%)	706 (69%)	295 (29%)
K-12 schools	0 (0%)	16 (73%)	6 (27%)

11. How many LMCs provide database searching for students?

	Provide DB Searching	Hope to Provide	Not a Priority
All schools	93 (6%)	729 (50%)	635 (44%)
High schools	62 (18%)	228 (66%)	58 (17%)
Middle/junior high schools	14 (7%)	119 (58%)	73 (35%)
Elementary schools	16 (2%)	372 (42%)	497 (56%)
K-12 schools	1 (6%)	10 (56%)	7 (39%)

12. How many LMCs have videodisc players?

	Have Videodisc Players
All schools	14 (1%)
High schools	10 (3%)
Middle/junior high schools	2 (1%)
Elementary schools	2 (0.2%)
K-12 schools	0 (0%)

13. How many LMCs have CD ROM drives?

	Have CD-ROM Drives	
All schools	21	(1%)
High schools	17	(5%)
Middle/junior high schools	0	(0%)
Elementary schools	4	(0.4%)
K-12 schools	0	(0%)

14. How many school LMCs have 1/2-inch VHS videocassette recorders?

	Have 1/2" VHS VCRs	
All schools	1,329	(76%)
High schools	327	(85%)
Middle/junior high schools	191	(80%)
Elementary schools	790	(72%)
K-12 schools	21	(91%)